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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the attached new patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

---3 (Amended) A process according to Claim 1 wherein the carboxy activating agent is selected from carbonyldiimidazole, cabonyltriazole, chloromethylpyridylium iodide (CMP-J), hydroxybenzotriazole, p-nitrophenol p nitorphenyltrifluoroacetate, and N-hydroxysuccinimide.--

---4. (Amended) A process according to Claim 2 wherein the polyamines have the following general formula:

 $R_1NH-A-NH-R_2$

wherein R_1 and R_2 , which are the same or different, are hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, phenyl or benzyl groups, A is a C_2 - C_{10} alkylene chain, preferably a C_2 - C_6 alkylene chain, optionally substituted

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